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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Axel von WOLFF, Stefan GODERSKY, Dr. Robert MAYAN  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING HOT-MELT  
PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES TO A BACKING  
MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows  
and consider the following remarks:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel the previous version of the following claims and replace them with the  
following rewritten version. A marked up copy showing the amendment since the previous  
version is annexed as separate pages.

Claim 4 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the percentage fraction of the area coated with the hot-melt adhesive composition is between 30% and 99%, preferably from 40% to 95%, with particular preference from 50% to 92%.

Claim 5 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 or 2, wherein the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition is extended beyond its yield point by tensile and shear forces which are proportional to the difference in speed between the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition and the backing material or transfer means, and tears, so that the film formed from the hot-melt adhesive composition has voids.

#### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

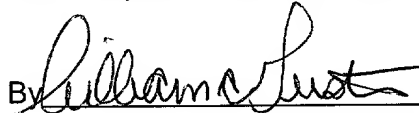
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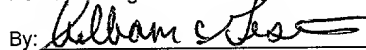
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Claim 4 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 [to 3] or 2, wherein the percentage fraction of the area coated with the hot-melt adhesive composition is between 30% and 99%, preferably from 40% to 95%, with particular preference from 50% to 92%.

Claim 5 (amended). The method as claimed in any of claims 1 [to 4] or 2, wherein the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition is extended beyond its yield point by tensile and shear forces which are proportional to the difference in speed between the film of the hot-melt pressure sensitive adhesive composition and the backing material or transfer means, and tears, so that the film formed from the hot-melt adhesive composition has voids.

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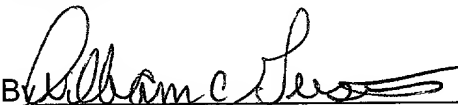
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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN**

Submitted herewith for entry and approval are two (2) sheets formal drawing in the  
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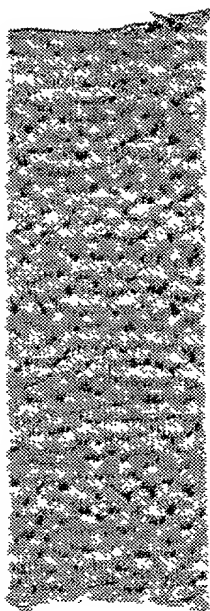


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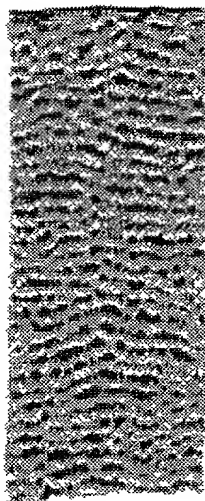


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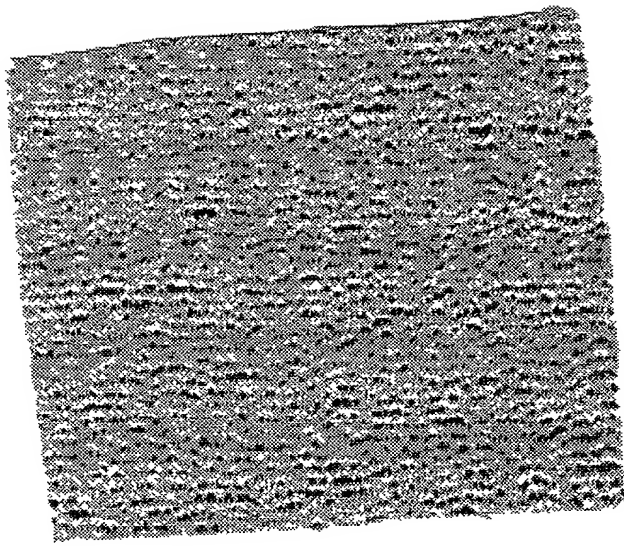


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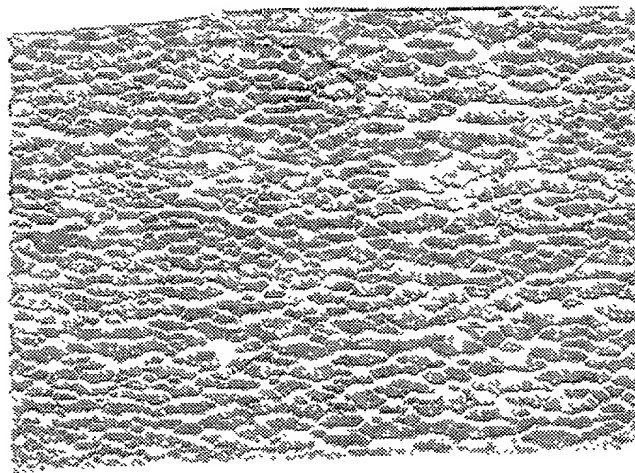


Figure 4

## APPENDIX

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**TITLE:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING HOT-MELT PRESSURE  
SENSITIVE ADHESIVES TO A BACKING MATERIAL

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### CLAIM TO PRIORITY:

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119 on the basis of German Application Serial No. 100 37 549.9, filed on August 2, 2000.

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